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He That Overcometh.

What though temptations try thee?
Resist them with thy might.
What though thy hopes belie thee?
Be valiant in the fight.
He that overcometh
Shall be clad in raiment white.

What though afflictions press thee?
Beyond the cloud there's light.
What though thy fears molest thee?
Keep victory in sight.
He that overcometh
Shall be clad in raiment white.

What though thy duties gall thee?
Ne'er once those duties slight.
What though thy doubts appall thee?
Keep fighting for the right.
He that overcometh
Shall be clad in raiment white.

—Rev. Norman Plass.

From the South Bend Church.

I believe there is but one South Bend Brethren church yet, and that is in the state of Indiana. When there are more, we will always have to put Indiana to ours.

I am happy to report that we have a very pleasant little congregation here. We are not many in number, but I believe that we have as large a percentage of working members as any church in the state. We have preaching every Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., and Sunday School at 10 and song service at 6:45 p. m. Bro. J. C. Ewing conducts the latter, and leads all our music, and he does it well. I don't believe that any pastor in the country has a better right hand man than I have in Bro. Ewing. We had a business meeting a few weeks ago, at which he was ordained to the office of Deacon, to which he had been called last fall. He had previously been elected to the ministry, but was not installed, and has never felt quite willing to accept that calling, but has now accepted the duties of the deacon. These were defined to him at the time of his installation, to embrace an active interest in and oversight of all the secular affairs of the church, and assisting the pastor in spiritual work and taking charge of meetings for worship in the absence of the pastor; with full privilege to preach when the spirit moves, and such other duties as the gospel may demand.

We have a rousing Sunday School which is growing in numbers and interest every week. Sister Ewing teaches the infant class, numbering from twenty to thirty, and Sister Garwood has the intermediate class. The Bible class is taught alternately by such of our members as can be persuaded to do so. Bro. Ewing Sister Ewing, Lottie Holsinger, Sister Carleton and myself have so far been taking that work upon ourselves, but we have several other members who will soon have courage enough to undertake it, and that is all they lack. We have a separate room for each class, and three grades is all that any school needs, and the larger the class the more inspiration there will be in it. We have a splendid house. Our good old brother, D. C. Ullery built it and gave it to us. All it lacks is a pool for baptizing. We need that, for we have twice used the Christian church for that purpose since New Year. First a sister was baptized, and last Wednesday two young brethren. We extend the invitation at the close of every service, just as if we were holding a protracted meeting; in fact we are trying to keep up a continual revival. Of course we can't keep up a constant enthusiasm as when Bro. Bashor was here, and we don't get a response every time, but we have had two already, and we thank God and take courage.

I still go to Tiosa occasionally during the week, but hope soon to be relieved of that charge. Things are getting into a little better shape there now, but are not yet altogether lovely. There is some hope of getting Bro. Mallott to serve them. I have also preached for the Portage Prairie church twice, and assisted Bro. Rittgers at two business meetings. Henceforth I shall not go away from home except in cases of "extreme necessity." Such cases I cannot and need not refuse. I am trying my hand at pastoral work and find plenty to do.

We (not the church, but my family) have moved once again. Our address now is No. 156 E. Keasey St. where it is altogether possible we may remain for a year or less. Come and see us or write a letter.

The *Daily Tribune* of this city is very kind to us, and advertises our meetings gratuitously. To-day's issue contained the following items:

Brethren church, south Michigan street, Elder H. R. Holsinger, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a m. and 7 p. m. every Sunday. Evening service is preceeded by fifteen or twenty minutes of singing, conducted by Prof. Ewing. Tomorrow forenoon the text will be 1 Cor. 8: 13: in the evening Heb. 6: 19, 20. The gospel temperance meeting will be held in our house at 3 p. m. Everybody welcome.

The ladies of the Brethren church have organized an aid society, which has been christened "The Helping Hand." They meet once a week, and spend a few hours working, manufacturing articles of needle work, making garments for the poor, etc. Already some children have been brought to the Sunday school by their helping hands.

Elder Holsinger, pastor of the Brethren church, on South Michigan street, is now located at No. 156 east Keasey street, where he will be pleased to receive his friends.

South Bend has, in the *Daily Tribune*, one of the cleverest, spiciest and prettiest papers in the state.

Milford is the place for the National Convention, if it can't be held at Ashland; but for the sake of the College and so for the good of the church, there is where it should have been held. The time selected is very good. Now, what is the convention for? What are we going to do when we get there? Make laws? No! Give advice? Yes. On what? On points upon which the gospel is plain? Hardly need any advice on such points? O, yes we do; we need advice as to how to go about obeying and carrying them out most successfully. For instance: we are to baptize the people, when they believe and repent, and we know exactly how to do it, but we need some advice as to how best to go about getting them to believe and repent. We are to feed the flocks, and we know what food to use, but how to go about getting it into the rack most successfully may be a debatable subject. Who are shepherds and what and where are flocks and whose are they? I must not forecast the work of the convention. Who may do so? Who ought to do so? Ought it to be done? Shall we come together without knowing what for? If so, let everybody keep quiet upon the subject. If not, how are we going to find out? Who shall go there? Ministers or laymen? Or both? Is it to be a mass convention, or is it a delegated conference? May queries be sent there? Of what class and character should they be? Who may ask them? I don't know but would like to find out. Who can tell? For fear the printers may run out of interrogation points, I'll close for the present.

Only this yet, and I want it printed in capital letters:

EVERYBODY SHOULD PAY HIS AND HER SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS AND PROMISES TO ASHLAND COLLEGE INSIDE OF 30 DAYS, AND AS MUCH SOONER AS POSSIBLE.

And everybody who has not yet done so, should at once donate all that it is reasonably possible for him to give in three years, and pay as much of it down as he can spare from his living or business. The matter is urgent. We must have money.

Fraternally,

H. R. HOLSINGER.

To the Church at Roann, Ind.

Being deprived of hearing the gospel preached in its primitive purity, I will try and write something for the dear EVANGELIST; yes, I say dear, for I feel it so; for it brings such good news to us from our dear brethren and sisters.

I often think of the sisters at Roann. Dear sisters, I have not forgotten you, nor has my love grown cold towards you. I never will forget the love manifested towards me. I often wonder whether we shall all meet in heaven, there to praise God forever. I write this to let you know that I am still alive, and trying to serve God, and I trust it is the same with you. What a great God we have. I can have Him here, and you can have Him there. Then let us love Him while in this world of sorrow, that we may praise Him above where all is love. Now sisters, let me see an article in the EVANGELIST from some one of you. Is my God with you there? Grant me your prayers, that I may become strong in the faith of Jesus. I have a strong interest in heaven, for therein dwell many of my friends. And there is my Savior. O if I can but have a seat at my Savior's feet, I shall be very happy.

Dear father, I was much affected to hear of your afflictions with rheumatism, but be of good cheer. He that lays the afflicted hand upon us and lays us low, can raise us up again if we put our trust in Him. We can do each other no good in our afflictions; but we can go to our Savior in a right and acceptable manner; he will hear and answer our feeble petitions. Let us keep close to our Savior and try to walk in his footsteps as near as we can, and try to live that we may dread the grave as little as our bed. We have a hope that if we meet no more in this world of sorrow, we will in heaven where parting is no more. Yes, now we are parted; we must pray for one another, and trust in the Lord. But I want my brethren and sisters to know I still remember them. O, what a sad thing it is to be deprived of the privilege of hearing the Brethren preach. But I hope and pray that we can have the brethren preach up here in Minnesota some time in the future.

I think there is a crown to wear:
I know there is a cross to bear.

Now may God bless and save us all is my prayer.

ELIZABETH MILLER.

Excelsior, Minn., March, 2, '87.

Jones Mills, Pa.

Some time has elapsed since I last wrote yet we were still at work for the Master. On Monday evening, February 7th, Bro. Henry Wise, of Green county, Pa., came among us unexpectedly or at least on short notice. We commenced meeting same evening and continued until Sunday evening the 20th, during which time Bro. Wise preached 16 good sermons. But on account of the inclement weather, the meetings were not as well attended as they would have been had the weather been more favorable. Bro. Wise is an able preacher, a fearless advocate of truth both in the pulpit and in private conversation, and is willing to spend and be spent in the cause of his Master. He left Jones Mills church with the good wishes of the people. Come again, Bro. Wise.

I have accepted the presbyterate of this church for another year from April 1st, 1887. I thank all for favors of last year, and especially Sister Lydia Horner, for a very nice present heretofore unnoticed in the EVANGELIST. Thanks Sister Lydia.

In entering upon my duties as minister of this church the coming year, I truly feel the great responsibility resting upon me and hope and pray that I will have a hearty cooperation of every brother and sister in the church in this great work.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Middlefork, Ind.

March 9th.—Bro. R. F. Mallott has been with us ten days; closed the meetings last night. The roads were in a bad condition all the time and in consequence we did not have large audiences.

Five came out on the Lord's side during the meeting, and we think others are near the kingdom. Burlington church has been under a cloud, but the sunlight of God's grace is again beaming down and we believe a season of prosperity is in store for her. Let us all work for Christ more in the future than in the past.

Bro. Mallott goes from here to Dayton, O. He is a power for good in the hands of God, and our prayer is that God's blessing may attend his every effort.

Next Sabbath is our usual time for services here and we expect that christian baptism will be administered on that day to those who have lately made application.

B. L. GORDON.

Homesville, Neb.

I left Falls City on the 26th of Feb. in company with Eld. S. C. Stump. Arrived at Rockford Station, a distance of about 70 miles; walked about one mile to Bro. S. Irvin's, then Bro. and Sister Irvin accompanied us to Eld. T. Graham's. We spent a very pleasant night together as we had been acquainted in the east. Next morning at 11 a. m. Bro. Stump spoke in this village. Here we met a delegation from Beatrice, consisting of Bro. and Sister U. W. Miller and Sister John Berkly and little boy. We also met two daughters of Dr. U. M. Beachly, of Meyersdale, Pa.: Emma and Grace. These sisters are teaching school in this place with good success. Our meetings are still going on with fair congregations and good attention. I am stopping with Bro. and Sister Keim. I will report again.

JNO. NICHOLSON.

March 4, 1887.

Burr Oak, Kansas.

Elder Bauman held a short protracted meeting here. We thought at first that we were going to have a glorious ingathering, but the weather interfered a little and made the roads a little bad, and then we had to give up the house. Two were baptized and some more expressed a desire to be Christians. The neighbors contributed very liberally to Bro. Bauman's necessities, for which they have our thanks. We would like to correspond with any minister who desires to move west. We would assist him in getting a home. We have a good climate, good soil, good railroad facilities, etc., and as a general thing, short winters. Some have commenced already to work on the farm and we have a good prospect to build up a church here.

H. E. FAIDLEY.

Time is infinitely long, and every day is a vessel into which much may be poured if we fill it up to the brim.—Goethe.

Prayer is so mighty an instrument that no one ever thoroughly mastered all its keys. They sweep along the infinite scale of man's wants and of God's goodness.—Hugh Miller.